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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY. MFA REP (KIMBERG) CONFIRMED TO US THAT PRIMIN HARTLING AND PREMIER CHIRAC FOUND THEIR DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY SO "INTERESTING" AND AGENDA SO "LARGE" THAT A SECOND ROUND OF FORMAL TALKS WAS SCHEDULED THIS MORNING. CHIRAC THEN DEPARTED COPENHAGEN FOR LUNCH WITH QUEEN MARGRETHE NEAR AARHUS BEFORE FLYING BACK TO PARIS LATER TODAY. DISCUSSIONS COVERED BOTH EC AND BILATERAL AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. ON THE EC SIDE THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED BRITISH MEMBERSHIP, ENERGY, ECONOMICS AND MONETARY UNION AND AGRICULTURAL POLICY. MATTERS OF BILATERAL CONCERN INCLUDED THE SALE OF FRENCH MIRAGES TO DENMARK, CONTINUED FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING, AND INCREASED FRENCH-DANISH CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH MORE FRENCH INSTRUCTION IN DANISH SCHOOLS. CHIRAC IS SAID TO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE "NEW STYLE" OF HIS GOVERNMENT BY CONDUCTING TALKS WITH HARTLING IN ENGLISH. END SUMMARY.

1. AT A DINNER GIVEN BY THE DANISH GOVERNMENT JULY 31 IN CHIRAC'S HONOR, HARTLING SAID THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT DURING THE REMAINING MONTHS OF FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE EC THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD CONSOLIDATING THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY "BY ATTEMPTING TO ARRIVE AT SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL". HARTLING ALSO SAID: "THE DANISH GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT FULLY THE DECISIONS MADE AT THE EC SUMMIT MEETINGS IN PARIS AND IN COPENHAGEN LAST YEAR." IN HIS RESPONSE CHIRAC SAID THAT DURING THEIR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY THE FRENCH WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE FOR A NEW SUMMIT MEETING OF THE NINE BEFORE THE END OF 1974. HE ADDED: "WE EXPECT A GREAT DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DURING THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS OF FRENCH CHAIRMANSHIP. THE AGENDA CONTAINS COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS, BUT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT FRENCH EFFORT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS THAT WILL SATISFY EVERYBODY."

2. AGRICULTURAL POLICY. DURING TALKS IN COPENHAGEN AND ON THE DANISH ISLAND OF BORNHOLM, CHIRAC REPORTEDLY ASSURED THE DANES THAT FRANCE DOES NOT INTEND TO "BREAK OUT OF THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON

AGRICULTURAL POLICY" AND THAT DANISH CONCERN OVER FRENCH SUBSIDIES TO ITS FARMERS IS "UNNECESSARY". CHIRAC SAID THAT THESE SUBSIDIES ARE TEMPORARY ONLY, WILL CEASE IN NOVEMBER, AND WILL NOT BE REPEATED.

3. ENERGY. CHIRAC ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON ENERGY POLICY FOR THE COMMUNITY. HE STRESSED THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT JOIN THE "TWELVE COUNTRY ENERGY CLUB" BUT WOULD WORK TOWARD A COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY, EVEN IF THIS SHOULD INCLUDE RELINQUISHING CERTAIN SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. PRESS ACCOUNTS MAINTAIN THAT DANES DID NOT DEMUR ON THIS POINT (SEE SEPTTEL).

4. ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION. SOME DIFFERENCES WERE EXPRESSED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES' VIEW OF PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION (EMU). DANISH FONMIN GULDBERG AND FINANCE MINISTER ANDERS ANDERSEN STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF AN ACCELERATION TOWARD SUCH A UNION. CHIRAC, ON THE OTHER HAND, EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION DID NOT WARRANT SUCH AN ACCELERATION. BOTH SIDES SAW MANY COMMON PROBLEMS IN THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATIONS AND AGREED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK WAS TO FIGHT INFLATION AND TO WIPE OUT PAYMENTS DEFICITS. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN COPENHAGEN, CHIRAC SAID THAT EMU IS IMPOSSIBLE AS LONG AS SOME OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO HAVE LARGE DEFICITS WITH HIGH INFLATION WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS WEST GERMANY, HAVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SURPLUSES. HE ALSO PRAISED THE DANISH GOVT EFFORT TO CONTAIN INFLATION.

5. BRITISH MEMBERSHIP. AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHIRAC EMPHASIZED THAT FRANCE CANNOT ACCEPT A CHANGE OF THE BASIC CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY. FRANCE WOULD CONSIDER BRITISH DEMANDS FOR RE-NEGOTIATION FROM THIS PREMISE.

6. MIRAGE PURCHASE. DURING TALKS YESTERDAY, CHIRAC UNDERLINED THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT FRANCE ATTACHED TO THE PURCHASE BY THE DANES OF THE FRENCH F-1 MIRAGE. (BERLINGSKE TIDENDE DESCRIBED CHIRAC'S TONE AS "PLEADING".) HE SAID THAT VERY FAVORABLE TRADE AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A SALE HAD BEEN OFFERED. HARTLING REPLIED THAT DENMARK MAINTAINED AN OPEN MIND ON THIS QUESTION BUT THAT ANY SUCH PURCHASE WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL THE 1980S.

7. FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. AS A RESULT OF

DISCUSSIONS IN THIS AREA CHIRAC PROPOSED THAT THE FRENCH MINISTER OF CULTURE VISIT DENMARK TO DISCUSS AN INTENSIFICATION OF CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

8. NUCLEAR TESTING. DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, CHIRAC DEFENDED FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE PACIFIC IN SPITE OF THE FACT, HE SAID, THAT HE HAD BEEN AN OPPONENT OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN HIS YOUTH. FRANCE NEEDS NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO SAFEGUARD ITS INDEPENDENCE, AND WOULD CONTINUE SUCH TESTS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, FUTURE TESTS WOULD BE HELD UNDERGROUND.

9. EDITORIAL COMMENT: THE BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) OF JULY 31 COMMENTED THAT UNDER ITS NEW GOVT FRANCE IS LESS DOCTRINAIRE AND MORE DYNAMIC THAN BEFORE. THE PAPER NOTED THAT FROM A EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW THE DISTANCE BETWEEN DANISH AND FRENCH VIEWS WAS SLIGHT, ALTHOUGH THE TWO COUNTRIES DIFFER ON ATLANTIC COOPERATION. KRISTELIG DAGBLAD (INDEPENDENT LUTHERAN) SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY MUST BE RETAINED AT ANY PRICE BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES IT AFFORDED TO BOTH DENMARK AND FRANCE. IT AGREED WITH BERLINGSKE TIDENDE THAT DENMARK AND FRANCE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON INTRA-EUROPEAN POLICY AND NOTED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES BELIEVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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